

## SERVICE SCENE

Bakers Say Farewell;  
Naval Attaches FetedBy RUTH DEAN  
Star Staff Writer

An armada of helicopters would have helped last night to get guests to two Navy parties held miles apart and at the same hour.

One of the parties was the farewell reception given by the retiring Commandant of the Potomac River Naval Command and Mrs. Harold Davies Baker at Tingey House, the commandant's quarters at the Naval Gun Factory.

The other was the annual reception given by the Chief of Naval Intelligence, Rear Admiral Laurence A. Proct, to introduce all the foreign naval attaches to the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Arleigh Burke, at the Bethesda Naval Officers Club.

The invitations to both parties read 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. So the \$04 question posed for the Navy gold braid and naval attaches invited to both affairs was which one to attend first and still make the other in time?

Most of them didn't get to Tingey House until around 8 o'clock after a 40-minute drive from Bethesda.

But from 6:30 o'clock on, the rooms at Tingey House were filled to overflowing with the many diplomatic, official and residential society friends the Bakers have known during their Washington tours of duty.

## Mendenhalls Welcomed

The party was also a welcome to Admiral Baker's successor, Rear Admiral William K. Mendenhall, Jr., and Mrs. Mendenhall.

The Mendenhalls need no introduction to Washington as they have been stationed here many times, the last time two years ago when he was director of the First Development and Maintenance Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Friends were glad to hear last night that the Bakers are remaining here after Admiral Baker's tour on October 30. They thought "a beautiful old

Wyoming avenue. Mrs. Baker revealed last night.

Early party arrivals were the Japanese Ambassador and Mrs. Atakai, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps and Mrs. Vernon McCaul, the Ray Henley, the Ambassador of the Union of South Africa and Mrs. du Plessis, the Les Biffes, former Ambassador and Mrs. Myron Cowen with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hecht, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Akers, and Mrs. Harold Mott with her sister, Mrs. Fowler Wahl.

Mrs. Morris Cafritz came alone. Also soloing it were Signora Brosio, wife of the Italian Ambassador; Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Randolph McC. Pate, and former Marine Corps commandant Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd.

## Will Stay Awhile

Justice and Mrs. Harold Burton were telling Mrs. James Lawrence Houghtaling they have no immediate plans since his recent retirement from the Supreme Court. "We'll just stay here for awhile," said Mrs. Burton. "After all, we've been here 18 years and it's quite an adjustment to make."

Justice and Mrs. Stanley Reed were early comers as also were retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. and Mrs. W. P. T. Hill, Mr. Orville Crouch, Mr. John V. Horner, and the Superintendent of the Naval Gun Factory and Mrs. Charles E. Briner.

The Spanish Ambassador and the Countess of Motrico were also there along with the Spanish Naval Attache and Senora de Bichoo, who were fluently greeted in their native tongue by both Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Mendenhall.

White House Assistant Homer Gruenther was sampling some of the rare local food that is always a piece of resistance at the Baker parties. Also trying some of the other buffet delicacies which the hostess herself had made were the commanding officer of the Bethesda Naval Hospital, James P. C. and Mr. John M. and Mrs. M. and Mrs.

Logan, Mrs. N. B. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Ching, the William P. E. Crutch, Mrs. Thurmond Chatham, District Engineer Commissioner and Mrs. Alvin C. Welling, and many more.

Among those coming on from the Bethesda party were Vice Admiral and Mrs. Thomas C. Combs, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Albert G. Mumm, the Cuban Naval Attache and Senora de Peljoo, and the head of the British Joint Services Mission and Lady Denny.

Admiral Proct headed the receiving line for the naval attaches reception. Unfortunately, due to illness, Mrs. Proct could not attend. Others in line besides Admiral and Mrs. Burke were the Deputy Chief of Naval Intelligence and Mrs. Vernon L. Lawrence.

Assistant Secretaries of the Navy J. Sinclair Armstrong and Richard Jackson were among those attending. Also accepting were Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Wilfred McNell, CIA director and Mrs. Allen Dulles, Deputy CIA Director, and Charles P. Cabell, the director of intelligence of the State Department and Mrs. B. Cumming, Jr., and Mrs. Graves B. Erskine, British Vice Admiral and Earl Geoffrey Thistlethorpe-Smith, Admiral Aris Urgan, head of the Turkish delegation to the NATO Standing Group and most of the foreign naval attaches and heads of delegations to NATO, and their wives.